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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of May 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please add the following new claims:

¹⁰~~98~~ (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of alkali metal silicate has a pH of at least about 13.

²¹~~98~~ (New) The aqueous polysilicate microgel of claim ¹¹~~8~~, wherein the aqueous solution of alkali metal silicate has a pH of at least about 13.

³³~~100~~ (New) The process of claim ²²~~14~~, wherein the aqueous solution of alkali metal silicate has a pH of at least about 13.

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